

HOUSE BILL 2048

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 48; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 70, relative to payments in lieu of taxes for certain government-owned property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-203, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) As used in this subsection, "department" means the department of environment and conservation.

(2) Notwithstanding this section to the contrary, if the department owns real property or leases the real property to a person or entity, then the department or department's lessee, if the department is a lessor, shall make payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the property.

(2) The payments in lieu of taxes shall be payable to all applicable taxing jurisdictions in which the property is located and shall be equal to the ad valorem taxes that were or would have been due and payable on the property to each taxing jurisdiction for the tax year prior to the year the property was purchased or otherwise acquired by the department.

(3) The legislative body of each applicable taxing jurisdiction and the department or department's lessee, as applicable, shall enter into a written agreement for the payments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.